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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Progress Report 47 (March 2003)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed during March 2003.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On March 3, 2003, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- On or about March 17, 2003, the Group's project coordinator was advised that Missouri Recycling had recently acquired the former Bissell Street Warehouse, 1226 Bissell Street, Venice, Illinois. In response, the Group's project coordinator issued a letter to Mr. Dick Cieslak, Missouri Recycling, to notify him that the Group's groundwater consultant, ARCADIS, planned to mobilize to the site during the week of March 24, 2003 to collect groundwater samples (including one sample from the well located on the Missouri Recycling property) at the site. The Group's project coordinator and ARCADIS personnel made several subsequent attempts to contact Missouri Recycling personnel regarding the sampling.



- On March 18, 2003, ENTACT submitted a work plan to EPA for inspecting the main industrial site and conducting soil sampling activities in conjunction with EPA's five-year review.
- On March 20, 2003, the Consent Decree was entered.
- During the week of March 24, 2003, ARCADIS personnel collected groundwater samples at the site, including the Missouri Recycling property, in conjunction with the 2003 annual groundwater monitoring event. Groundwater samples were submitted to STL Savannah for laboratory testing.
- On March 28, 2003, ENTACT conducted an operation and maintenance inspection at the site on behalf of the Group.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- As noted above, ENTACT submitted a work plan to EPA on March 18, 2003 for inspecting the main industrial site and conducting soil sampling activities in conjunction with EPA's five-year review.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- The Group's project coordinator will forward a copy of ENTACT's March 28, 2003 inspection report to EPA upon receipt from ENTACT. The Group will perform operation and maintenance requirements at the site, as required.
- STL Savannah will continue to analyze groundwater samples collected at the site by ARCADIS during the week of March 24, 2003.
- The Group will address comments, if any, from EPA on ENTACT's work plan. Upon receipt of EPA's approval of ENTACT's work plan, the Group will authorize ENTACT to inspect the site and collect soil samples in conjunction with EPA's five-year review.

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5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- As noted above, Mr. Dick Cieslak, Missouri Recycling, was notified about the schedule for the 2003 annual groundwater monitoring event.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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